(d) The lower annual average growth rate during the first three years of the Tenth Five Year Plan is due to lower than targeted growth in agriculture, industry and services.

(e) The Government has not made any estimate of real GDP growth rate for 2005-06. However, the Reserve Bank of India in its Annual Policy Statement (April 28, 2005) has envisaged the real GDP growth during 2005-06 at around 7 per cent.

Allocation of funds to Andhra Pradesh

153. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRIAH: Will the the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Twelfth Finance Commission (TFC) has not allocated any funds to Andhra Pradesh for education and health sectors;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the State Government of Andhra Pradesh has made any representation in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) and (c) Yes Sir.

(b) The Commission has recommended equalisation grants for education and health to those States whose normative per capita expenditure was less than their group average.

(d) The State Government has requested to extend grants-in-aid for improving education and health sector in Andhra Pradesh.

Government of India has accepted the recommendations of the Finance Commission and as a policy does not reopen the recommendations of the Commission.